

Open Space Committee

Monday, October 30, 2023

Minutes

- I. Attendance and Approval of September 26, 2023 minutes: Present were members Lucy Abisalih, Dawn Ackerman, Sue Simmon, Martin Hanlon, Mary Ann Glennon and Sandy Venner and guest Sean Wright. Motion made and seconded by Dawn and Sandy and voted to approve September 26, 2023 minutes.
- II. Welcome to Perspective New Members: Sean Wright introduced himself and stated his interest in open space related activities. Cherry Underwood and Brian Cardone, who had expressed an interest in the work of the OSC, were not present. The process for filling vacancies on the committee was explained. At the end of the meeting, Sean stated his interest in joining the committee. Motion made and seconded by Dawn and Sandy to recommend to the Select Board that Sean be appointed. Lucy will inform the Select Board.
- III. Conservation Committee Response to Beaver Activity at Marshview Pond: Email was received from chair of Con Com noting a request from the abutter in NH to lower the Marshview Pond to its normal height so as not to flood his farm road. Higher pond level, which is also flooding the Marshview Trail, is attributed to beavers plugging the drainpipe. Dawn report that there is now a PVC pipe draining the pond. She will inform the Conservation Agent. David Rimmer at Greenbelt was informed also as they hold the Conservation Restriction.
- IV. Other Trail Activity: 16 people participated in the very informative Wild Edibles Walk.

It was decided to wait until the pond level receded before rerouting the upper Marshview Trail. Motion by Sandy and Sue and approved to let the Select Board know that OSC does not object to the trail abutter removing dying trees next to his property.

It was decided that individual committee members will address the trail work that had been planned for the Trail Work Day canceled on account of rain.
- V. Open Space Education: It was suggested to invite the Lombard family to a meeting to explain geocaching and to invite someone knowledgeable in I-Naturalist Apt use.
- VI. FY' 24 Budget Plans: Dawn reported there is approximately \$355 left for FY'24.
- VII. Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm. Next meeting scheduled for November 28th at 5pm.